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Art Unit 1632

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
 Appl. No. 09/986,750; Filed: November 9, 2001
 For: **Method for Removing a Universal Linker from an Oligonucleotide**
 Inventors: Pires *et al.*
 Our Ref: 0942.5080001/RWE/FRC

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17):
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1):
3. Preliminary Amendment:
4. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers:
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings:
6. 8 sheets of formal drawings: (Figures 1A-1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B and 7):
7. Our check no. **34322** in the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the extension of time fee:
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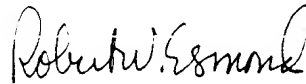
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Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1A-1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B and 7, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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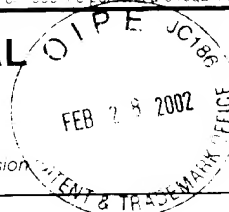
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108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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